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IN RE APPLICATION OF

HARALD GROEGER, ET AL. : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION

SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLICATION :
(BASED ON PCT/EP05/02933)

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FOR: PROCESS FOR PREPARING
OPTICALLY ACTIVE AMINO
ACIDS USING A WHOLE-CELL
CATALYST

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to examination of the application please undertake the following changes.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.